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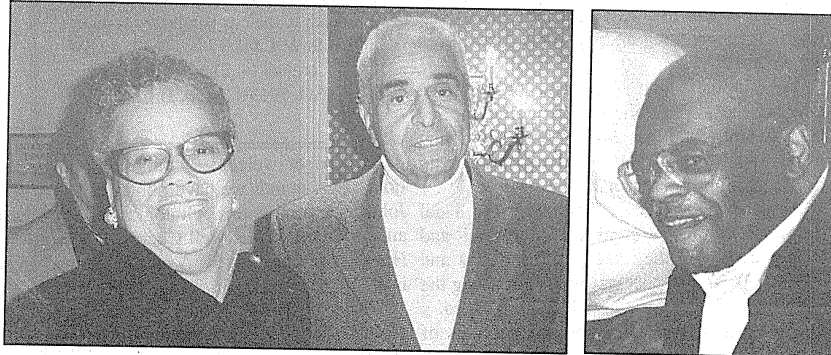
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May 19 - June 20, 1995

SW House Honors Three



Southwest House Benefit honorees: Charlotte Brooks, Walter Brooks, and Leon Fields.

Southwest House has announced that three long-time community activists are this year's recipients of the Fr. Norman A. Haddad Community Service Award. They are Charlotte and Walter Brooks and Leon Fields.

The trio will be honored at the social service agency's 2nd Annual Gala Reception, according to Antoine Perot, chairman of the event. The reception will be held at the Officers Club at Ft. McNair, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday evening, June 21.

Charlotte and Walter Brooks are well known throughout the community for their years of service to a wide-range of causes. Active members of St. Augustine's Church, in recent years they have been tireless supporters of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force. Walter is currently a member of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation.

A life-long resident of Southwest, Leon Field's contributions reach back to the period before urban renewal. With the cataclysmic changes of urban renewal, Fields stepped forward as one of the founders of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in an effort to bridge the gaps between new and old residents, rich and poor.

Fields has worked for many years to improve the lives of low-income residents of the area. He rose through the ranks to become Executive Director of the Southwest House. After his retirement he helped found the Tel Court Cooperative and served on ANC 2D. Most recently he has waged an extensive campaign to improve recreation services in the area.

As part of the prelude to the June 21 benefit gala, Southwest House President Willie Lloyd Reeves and Boardmember Rev. John Talbott have written to area religious congregations.

They are asking them to designate the weekend of June 9 to recognize the community service efforts of Southwest House and contributions of members of their congregations.

The June 21 reception is Southwest House's main fundraiser for the year, according to Perot, chairman of the event. Tickets for the reception are \$25 per person. The agency is also currently seeking supporters to be contributors (\$100), patrons (\$250), sponsors (\$500), and benefactors (\$1,000).

Perot also encourages individuals and area businesses to purchase ads in the reception program book by calling SWCH Executive Director Rick Bardach at 488-7210.

Southwest Community House, founded in 1901, is the primary social service agency for the near Southwest. Its main office is located at 156 Q Street. A satellite office serving senior citizens is located in the Greenleaf Senior Building at 1200 Delaware. In addition to direct contributions, the agency receives support from the United Poverty Organization and the United Way/Combined Federal Campaign.

FASHION SHOW TO AID CLUB #4

"Full Choice Models" will present a \$10 style show Saturday evening May 20, 6-9:30 pm at Bowen School, Delaware Ave. and M St SW to help pay the rent for MPB&G Club #4. Entrance is either at the M St side or the Club #4 entrance at the back of the school.

Modelling by adults and teen agers will be in the multi-purpose room of the school. Refreshments will be available.

SWNA Clean-up & Beautification

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will conduct a Cleanup Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, June 3, 1995, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Starting point for the walk-a-thon will be at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 200 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

The Cleanup Walk-a-Thon will be the kickoff of a citizen, business, and institutional supported ongoing effort to maintain the Southwest residential, school and public areas, business, and government areas in an attractive and clean manner. The Mayor has been invited.

The objective of this effort is to augment city provided services such as street cleaning, public space beautification, litter pickup, grass cutting, and to improve the overall appearance of all areas throughout the Southwest Washington. At the same time, we will continue to press for continued services from the District government.

At the present, many public spaces are not being maintained properly and streets are not being cleaned. This is partly due to city's current budget crisis.

This effort by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is much needed. The results will provide our residents and people who work in Southwest a cleaner and neater neighborhood of which we can all be proud. It will also enhance the image of our Nation's Capital, maintain property values, and assist the service industries in providing a beautiful place for all visitors to Washington.

For more information, call Joe Rauscher, 554-8094, Barbara Murray, 488-8257 or Jim Early, 488-3355. If you would like to assist us in this worthwhile endeavor, please come out and help on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m.

SWNA Meeting

The May meeting will be on Monday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at Greenleaf Senior Dwellings, 1200 Delaware Avenue. The topic will be: Bus Transportation in SW. The speaker will be Councilmember Jack Evans and representatives from WMATA.



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Polluted Waters

On May 1, 1995, Robert Boone, President, The Anacostia Watershed Society, spoke to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) Board about water quality and fishing in local waters.

The Anacostia River, Potomac River and Rock Creek are cleaner than they used to be, but the Federal and local governments should post signs to warn people that the waters still are unsafe for swimming and some kinds of fishing.

The District's own studies show that bacterial pollution means that its rivers, and creeks are unsafe for swimming and, in some cases, even for wading.

But neither the Federal or District governments have publicized this pollution, and many are unaware that the city bans swimming in its waters or has warned about eating wild fish, according to environmentalists.

At a news conference held near the Tidal Basin last summer, eight environmental and civic groups said they had petitioned city and Federal officials to post warning signs along the rivers and Rock Creek. They displayed a sample sign, with slashes through pictures of people eating fish, swimming and drinking water. "Warning," it read, in English and Spanish. "This river is polluted."

The signs might hurt tourism, they said, but they would alert the public to a health problem and could even provide motivation for people to lobby government to clean up the waters.

Environmentalists have said they've been rebuffed in attempts to have warning signs posted. District officials have developed a prototype sign, but it is difficult to understand.

The National Park Service has declined comment. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials have said they do not have the authority to require that signs be posted. Spokeswoman Gilda Warnick, of the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, has stated that environmental officials agree they should do more to publicize the warning about eating wild fish.

Even if the signs go up, the waters will stay dirty unless millions of dollars are spent to reduce rain runoff and fix aging sewage pipes, environmentalists have said.

The Potomac is cleaner than it used to be because of improvements to the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant. But an estimated billion gallons of raw sewage still pours into waterways each year.

The raw sewage problem is at its worst in the Anacostia River, which a city report has said was in "appalling condition." Sewage also flows into the Potomac and Rock Creek.

City officials have said that it costs too much to try to stop all sewage discharges, but that they are trying to treat the worst cases. Environmental groups have repeatedly said they want stronger action.

Residents in Southeast Washington want the Anacostia cleaned up not just for safety reasons, but also to get rid of odor and trash. Sadly, most people who fish the District's rivers are

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Drop off stories by the 12th of the month in the box behind the counter at the S. W. Library - 3rd & I(Eye) SW - or mail to: **The Southwester, P.O. 70131, Wash. D.C., 20024**

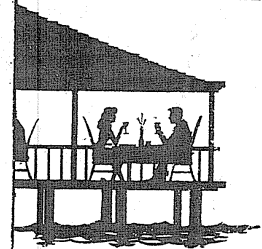
This paper welcomes community participation. This month we have photographs by Jim Johnson a professional photographer who lives and works in SW as well Cherryl Hooks. Ms. Hooks is a long-time EPA employee who lives in DC.

Our advertising manager for the past several years "retired." Bob Omohundro is recuperating from surgery and we wish him well and thank him for the many hours he has spent with our advertisers and pouring over the accounting record.

unaware the city has issued fish consumption warnings, according to informal surveys by Joseph M. Rauscher, District #1 Representative, SWNA and a group of EPA summer interns. And once they know about it, they don't always go along with it.

Several groups have petitioned for the signs. The SWNA is exploring ways it can help to resolve this issue.

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BUSY SEASON AHEAD FOR YOUTH TASK FORCE

Funds raised at the recent Foxtrappe reception are being put to immediate use by the Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Almost a thousand dollars is committed to help boys and girls age 7-12 attend a week at Camp Brown in Maryland, run by the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club.

Several hundred dollars will be made available for job readiness training stipends and metro farecards for SW youth enrolled for the Mayor's summer jobs which start after July 1.

"BELL CURVE" THEORIES DISCREDITED

A stimulating discussion of the fallacies in the new book "The Bell Curve" was presented at the Southwest Branch Library by Jamal Ali, an engineer and student of ancient African religions and history.

The misuse of standardized tests leads the authors of The Bell Curve to believe myths about the differences among the "races" of mankind, said Ali.

Southwest Community Calendar (May - June 1995)

May 17 Wed	Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751, St. Matthew's Church, 12 noon.
May 22 Mon	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Greenleaf Apartments Community Room, 6:30 p.m.
May 25 Thur	NARFE Chapter 2052, Southwest Branch Library, 1:30 p.m.
Jun 03 Sat	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Cleanup Day, 2nd and M St., S.W. 9 a.m.; St. Matthew's Rummage Sale, St. Matthew's Church 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (for info. call L. Greene 301-630-9296); River Trek's Family Feet, D.C. Harbor Police Station, 550 Water Street, S.W., 8 a.m.
Jun 05 Mon	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board, Southwest Branch Library, 6:30 p.m.
Jun 06 Tue	First District Citizens Advisory Council, 1D Headquarters, 415 4th St., S.W., 7:30 p.m.

Jun 10 Sat	Ward Two Job Fair, Jefferson Junior High School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Jun 12 Mon	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
Jun 21 Wed	Southwest Community House Benefit, Fort McNair Officers Club, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (for info. call 488-7210); Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751, St. Matthew's Church, 12 noon.
Jun 22 Thu	NARFE Chapter 2052, Southwest Branch Library, 1:30 p.m.
Jun 26 Mon	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest Branch Library, 6:30 p.m.

(Please submit calendar items to C.W. Hargrave, 202-554-8284, before the seventh of each month.)

Come to the SWNA Meeting on May 22 - the community room at Greenleaf Senior Building
Topic - Bus Transportation



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Child Care in S.W. Government Agencies

compiled by Ellen Sommers

In an effort to be of service to the residents of Southwest, a staff member of *The Southwester* interviewed several individuals who work at nearby daycare centers. This series began in the April/May issue. In that issue we featured The Early Environment Center at EPA, 401 M & the Creative Child Development Center at HUD at 451-7th.

This time we are focusing on daycare centers at U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. The findings are listed below.

1. U.S. Department of Education
Maenlyie M. Reed Children's Learning Center,
7th & D Streets SW--Room 1620, Washington,
DC 20202, 202-401-0466
Director: Maria Henriquez
Days & Hours: Mon-Fri 7 AM--6 PM
now in process of accreditation
50 enrolled at present, total capacity 52
student:teacher ratio: under 2 1/2- 4:1, over 2
1/2 to 4- 8:1, over 4- 10:1
there are 4 lead teachers and 4 assistants
certified in early childhood development - all
teachers (others have some training in field)
not many children from SW
priorities for enrollment

- a. GSA and Dept. of Ed. employees
- b. any federal employee
- c. anyone else

they are looking into scholarships for future

2. U.S. Department of Energy
Bright Horizons Energy Child Development
Center, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Wash-
ington, DC 20585, 202-586-6800
Director: Judi Farber
Mon--Fri 7:15 AM --6:15 PM
they are in the process of accreditation with
NAEYC
presently 50 (approx), total capacity 72
certified teachers--6 +2 presently in classes for
CDA certification
total of 17 on staff
at least one certified teacher in each class
ratios for infants and toddlers (as young as 3
months) 4:1, for ages 2 1/2-4-8:1, over 4 years-
10:1

priorities for enrollment--based on availability in
classroom space

- a. DOE employees
- b. anyone else

not many children from SW
scholarships are available

3. Our Kids, Inc.
US Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second
Street SW, Washington, DC 20593, 202-267-
6118

Director: Vivian Tuerk
Mon-Fri 6:30 AM-5:45 PM
applying for accreditation
capacity--52, present enrollment--50
certified teachers: 4 lead teachers
total of 10 day care providers and additional
part-time personnel
ratios- 6 weeks-16 months: 3 adults for 10

infants 3.3:1. 16-24 months: 3 teachers for 12
toddlers 4:1, 2 years: 2 teachers for 12 chil-
dren 6:1 and preschool: 2 teachers for 18
children 9:1

priorities for enrollment

- a. Coast Guard personnel
- b. DOT employees
- c. Federal employees
- d. anyone else

very few from SW--they are willing to take
children from the area
tuition assistance is available based on need and
applications are accepted only in Feb and Aug
for 6 month periods only

The Southwester would love to get informa-
tion from private day care centers. When we
hear from them, we will pass the information on
to you.

ANC Reports

Gottlieb Simon, ANC 2D

At its May 9, 1995 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Heard from Sen. Florence Pendleton, and
from Ward 2 School Boardmember Ann
Wilcox.
 2. Heard Charles Lewis explain why the Edu-
cation 1st Coalition wants to conduct an initia-
tive to change the way public education funds
are used.
 3. Voted to oppose the liquor license applica-
tion for the Odyssey III dinner boat. The vote
came after a presentation by Beryl Rice, Presi-
dent of the SW Neighborhood Assembly explain-
ing the Assembly opposition, and a re-
sponse by representatives of the Odyssey.
 3. Reviewed the monthly crime statistics with
Sgt. Richardson of the First District MPD; and
heard complaints about drug trafficking near
Delaware and I, and behind the SW Library.
 4. Decided not to accept a "voluntary agree-
ment" from the operators of the East Side night
club to keep a 100-foot area around their club
litter free, instead of the 200-foot zone the
Commission wants; if East Side does not agree
to the 200-foot area, the ABC Board will have
to decide if East Side should be allowed to
renew its license.
 5. Briefly discussed the role of the Wiley Bran-
ton Community Development Corporation in
implementing the Portal site community partici-
pation plan before agreeing to continue the
discussion at the June ANC meeting.
 6. Reviewed the Commission's financial situa-
tion in light of the halving of District funding;
the Commission will have to reduce to its opera-
tions to the bare minimum as there is only
enough money left for a half-a-day a week staff.
- NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the
ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, June 13, 1995
at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of West-
minster Church). The agenda, which is subject
to last minute changes, now includes a presenta-
tion by First District MPD commander, Inspec-
tor Clarence Dickerson. For more information,
or to request time on the agenda to present a
concern to the ANC, call the ANC 2D office at
554-1795.

Mama's Face

by Margaret Oliver

I think that there will never be
Nor will I ever need to see
Anything prettier than my mama's face
All primed up for an important date
Leaving for work and running late
She always exuded beauty and grace

When she and I would catch the bus
I would see people staring at us
Jealousy made me mad enough to fight
Then I realized that the look in their eyes
Meant mama's beauty had them mesmerized
This made the staring alright

Her beauty was really all I could see
Never mind how good she was to me
My concentration was all on mama's face
Then as life's events began to unfold
I learned that mama's heart and soul
Were every bit as great as her pretty face

I know I got the best package deal
The way my mama made me feel
Just by looking at her face
A memory now, she lingers yet
And nothing will ever make me forget
All the beauty that was my mama's face



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MINUTES OF THE BOARD of SWNA, MAY 1, 1995

Members Present: Beryl Rice, Marc Weiss, Yvonnier Staley, Walter Brooks, Lonnie Murray, Carole Early, Joe Rauscher, Zandra Earl, Peggy Jackson, Emma Ward, Barbara Murray, Margaret Feldman.

Members Excused: Jeanne MacKenzie

Joe Rauscher introduced Mr. Robert Boone, START, and President of the Watershed Society. He discussed what the community can do about the pollution in our waters. The sign that DC has approved advising people about the river is unacceptable. The Board expressed concern about ways to educate the public about river pollution. One method is an article in the Southwester.

Task Force Reports: Transportation Task

Force: Peggy Jackson presented a draft letter to be sent to Jack Evans requesting that a representative from the Transit Authority be present at the May 22, 1995 Assembly meeting.

Clean-Up and Beautification Task-Force: discussed five projects. Joe Rauscher described these issues on behalf of the committee:

1. Clean-up Day.
2. Contact Waterfront Association.
3. Outreach to condominiums, stores, etc.
4. Break SW into small areas and encourage an "adopt a block program".
5. Exploring Recycling.

The Kick-off to begin beautification in one area is June 3.

The third taskforce, The Southwester: Volunteers are needed. People needed to type.

National Kidney Foundation Hosts 10K Walk-a-thon

Put on your walking shoes and come out for a great day of sightseeing along the Potomac River, Hains Point and the Tidal Basin in Southwest Washington on June 3, 1995.

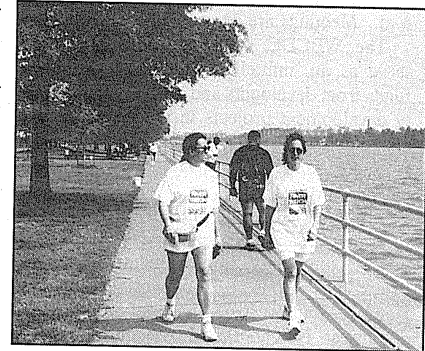
All funds raised will benefit the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area in its fight against kidney disease through programs in medical research, public and professional education, patent services, and organ donation. Funds are raised on a pledge-per-km walked basis and early registration is encouraged -- the more sponsors each walker obtains leading up to the walk, the closer we are to reaching our goal to eliminate kidney disease.

Join Grand Marshall Ken Beatrice from WMAL's "Sportscall" and "Ruder," Washington's Warthog mascot at the walk-a-thon. Afterwards, kids of all ages can enjoy clowns, face painting, food from waterfront businesses, and more!

The "River Trek's Family Feet" is truly an annual community event with the support of our neighbors, friends and family playing an important role in building comradere as well as fighting kidney disease in the national capital area.

Local businesses supporting the walk-a-thon include The Gangplank Restaurant, Phillips Restaurant, Hogate's Restaurant, The Channel Inn Hotel, Arena Stage, Ogden Martin Systems, Inc., WRC-TV, Newstalk WMAL 630am, The Spirit of Washington, Utz Quality Foods, Inc., Brothers Gourmet Coffee, Washington Apples, Murry's Steaks, and Montgomery Donuts.

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Wiley Branton CDC Elections

by: Gottlieb Simon

The Board of Directors of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation have elected officers for 1995. Continuing as President is David Brewer. Marc Weiss will serve as Vice-President, Gottlieb Simon will continue as Secretary, and Jeanne Macdonald will be the new Treasurer.

The Board will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St. Augustine's Church, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to all CDC members.

The WBCDC was established in 1990 to serve as an umbrella organization to channel funds from developers and others into community development projects in the near Southwest and Southeast. Half of the board is elected from the community at large at the CDC's annual meeting.

The other half is appointed by area community organizations including: ANC 2D, Capitol South Community Improvement Association, Friendship House, Southwest Community House, Southwest Ministerial Association, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and the Southwest Public Housing Coalition.

The WBCDC has received its major funding from the Community Development Support Collaborative, a coalition of area foundations including the LISC and the Meyer Foundation.

It has also received funding from the Portal site developers as part of their community participation plan. In addition the WBCDC has assisted the developers in reviewing grant requests. This assistance, to the CDC's consternation, has led some people to think that WBCDC, rather than the developers, write the grant checks and give out the money.

Waiting for a Child

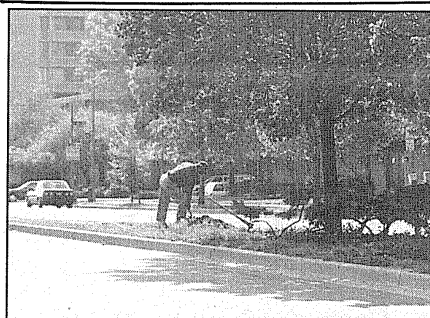
The people of Southwest are big hearted. For any who are interested in enlarging their own family, please read about Demerick.

This little boy was born August 7, 1985 and is approximately four and one half feet tall and weighs 90 pounds. Demerick has a beautiful smile and a sweet giggle. He is a very curious child who often likes to ask many questions. Demerick enjoys engaging in activities on playgrounds, riding his bicycle, and pretending to be uniformed workers, such as police officers and fire fighters.

Demerick is currently enrolled in a special education third grade class. Demerick has been diagnosed with multiple disabilities. He currently receives weekly therapy sessions with a clinical psychologist to address some of these issues.

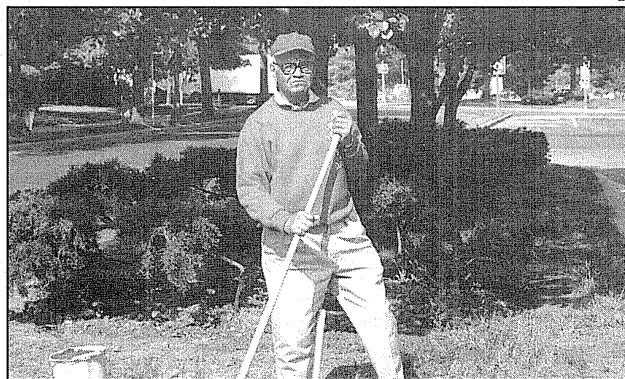
A motion to terminate the parental rights of his birth parent has been filed with the D.C. Superior Court. Demerick needs a two-parent or single parent adoptive family in which he will be the only or the youngest child. He needs parents who are patient, understanding, and who are willing to participate to accept the challenge of parenting a child with special needs.

To learn more about Demerick, please contact Alesia Turner-Walker at the D.C. Department of Human Services, (202) 724-8643.



By Jim Johnson

Mr. Clean



By Jim Johnson

Col. John Suggs - remember this name - remember this face. He is one of the unsung "heroes" of the S.W. Clean-up Campaign. He's the person responsible for the new look of the median on M Street, in front of Tiber Island Condo and across from E.P.A. - This tireless work has been done by Col. Suggs who has donated his time, energy and out-of-pocket money to make this a beautiful section for all of us to enjoy. We applaud him for giving us such beauty.

Just imagine, all of this was the result of one man "adopting" a piece of land. From it, he has made a thing of beauty. If everyone did that! We hope that the whole community turns out on Clean-up day, Saturday, June 3. We want to turn Southwest into a Gem.

POLICE BOYS/ GIRLS CLUB SUMMER CAMP FORMS ARE DUE

One week of summer camp is available for children age 7-12 whose families act FAST.

Families of prospective campers must pay a \$75 per child registration fee, get a doctor's medical examination of the child, and waive claims for injury. Food stamp families and children in public housing can have the cost of tuition and meals waived. Children who apply can be driven by the Club #4 van to Roosevelt High for a free doctor's physical.

Application forms can be picked up at Club #4, back of the Bowen School and should be turned in quickly. Only 6 one-week co-ed sessions, rather than the usual 9, are available for 1995.

CLUB #4 SCRATCHING FOR FUNDS

Money to keep #4 Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club open at Bowen School, 200 M St. S.W., keeps coming in. Much more is needed.

Alvin Hudgens, civilian director of the club, has spoken to 13 tenant associations.

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HOLIDAYS; Evening before: 5:30 pm; day of: 7:30 am, 8:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and 5:30 pm

WEEKDAYS: 7:30 pm, 8:00, 8:20 and 12:10 p.m.

SATURDAY: 8:20 am and 12:10 pm

JEFF STUDENTS SCORE WELL IN MATH TEST

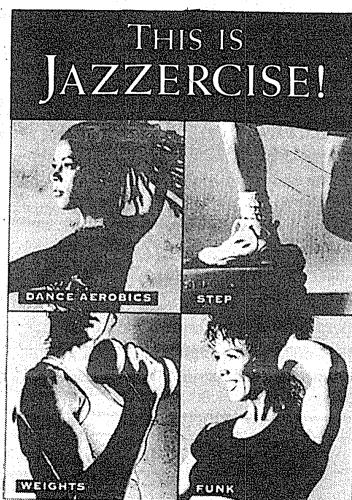
Five eighth graders at Jefferson Jr. scored well in a national math exam given last November.

In the 40 minute 25 question test, Gilbert Wang got 23 right. Others scoring well were Alexander Carroll, Yolanda Lake, Lark Grier and Kelly Hart.

Sample question

"A gumball machine contains 9 red, 7 white, and 8 blue gumballs. The least number of gumballs a person must buy to be sure of getting four gumballs of the same color is

(A) 8, (B) 9, (C) 10, (D) 12, (E) 18"



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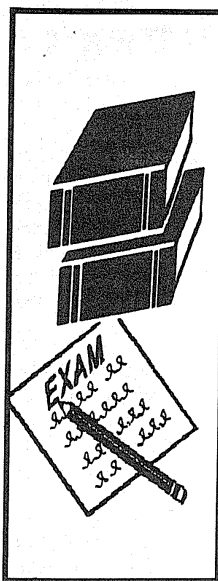
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STUDENTS DO WELL IN LATIN EXAM

A gold and two silver medals were awarded to Jefferson Jr. students who took a national latin exam sponsored by the American Classical League in April.

Nefeteria Francis won a gold medal. Gilbert Wang and Susan Cheung won silver medals.

Fourteen other Jefferson students winning awards for the same test are:

Olumide Ojeifo
Odracer Uy
Maria Rioja
Stephen Mitchell
Lee Lo
Jing Ye
Sydney Harris

Terasita Edwards
Dendra Jappa
Layeida Lagnetta
Reginald Hart
Lateef Abney
Hakimu Davidson
Lumumba Sroufe

AMIDON'S SUCCESS AT SCIENCE FAIR

Eleanor Wang, won two first place awards in mathematics at the citywide science fair at Ballou Senior High Apr. 28-30.

Her project was "Investigating the Mystery and Magic of Fibonacci Numbers."**

Amidon student Shevan Lassister took first place in botany for "How Radiation Affects the Germination and Growth of Dicot Seeds."

Fatoumata Bah received honorable mention in behavioral science for her project, "Television's Child."

Mrs. Collum, the math, science and technology coordinator at Amidon, is the students' sponsor.

**[Ed. note. Fibonacci sequence. A series of numbers, 1,1,2,3,5,8,13 - in which each successive number is equal to the sum of the two preceding numbers. Leonardo Fibonacci died about 1250.]

TROJANETTES PRACTICE FOR JEFFERSON TALENT SHOW



The upcoming talent show at Jefferson Jr. High will include a step routine by the Trojanettes, who are dedicated to community service and high academic standards.

Shown at a rehearsal (making a T for Trojanettes with their hands) are: (left to right)

Kneeling: Katia Jones, Sarita Thomas
Standing: E. Lomax, advisor, Tahmike Gist, Ibtihal Bilaal, Marilyn Worthy, LaShawn Moore, Darona Williams, Li Ing Li
Back: Glenna Day, Nalaja Marcus, Nicole Eady, Idrea Mayfield, Ayanna Johnson.

Project Wonder

The S.W. Ministerial Association plans to have a Community Vacation Bible Camp. During the week of August 14 to the 18th, 100 elementary-aged kids will converge on the Lansburg Park, behind Friendship Baptist on I Street. From 10:00 to 3:00, the campers will participate in Arts & Crafts, field trips, refreshments, sports and some good old fun.

The camp will be "run" by volunteers. Community people are needed to do all the things which make for camp. People with expertise in fund raising, public relations, video equipment, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Ethics, and the Bible are needed now. Any adults who feel that they can help with this project are asked to call St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 488-7899 and ask for Fr. Joe Del Vecchio. If you want to make a donation, mail the check to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW and specify that it is for "Project Wonder".

Parents, since there is no charge for this camp, you are asked to participate in some way. Maybe you could give two hours & be a counselor's aid that week, help with the lunches, help with administrative work prior to the camp. There are lots of way to help.

If you are interested in having your children attend the camp, please call Alicia Fisher, 554-7863 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church.

SUMMER CAMP COMBINES EXCITEMENT OF SPACE WITH LEARNING

Challenger Center for Space Science Education is now registering children for its "Summer Space Adventure." The week-long sessions are open to students ages 9-13 in the metropolitan D.C. area. Each session runs for seven days from June 19 to August 11.

The camp is held at Challenger Research, Development and Training Center housed in Jefferson Junior High School in Southwest Washington, D.C.

Campers will have fun using math and science skills to maneuver robots, operate computers, and measure heart rates while participating in explorations to the Moon, Mars, and Comet Hailey.

The "Summer Space Adventure" consists of interactive, hands-on educational activities based on Challenger Center's award-winning programs and includes field trips to the National Air and Space Museum.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Whom It May Concern:

I just returned from the Safeway and I am angry. I was nearly hit by an elderly man going the "wrong way" who was attempting to exit the Mall. I nearly collided with another car in front of the entrance to CVS. This used to be a one way section of the Mall. The way traffic currently jerks and darts is a tragedy about to happen.

When I moved to Washington in 1975 there were arrows showing customers to Waterside Mall the proper pattern to follow. Now one sees cars going every way and when there is a guard outside, he simply ignores the drivers going in directions guaranteed to cause an accident. Perhaps there have been accidents. I don't know how they can be avoided. There is one way to exit in a single line. Suddenly, today there were cars coming from three directions trying to get out of the gate. I couldn't believe it!

Doesn't the Mall Management have the funds to paint arrows to direct patrons? We deserve better than this. There is a wildness gone amok in the traffic in the Mall. I hate going there because of the crazy drivers. The Mall Management is totally responsible. But the other businesses should also be held accountable in forcing the management to paint arrows which is the very least which they can do to make shopping at the Mall a more pleasant experience.

I implore Safeway and other businesses to get arrows directing the traffic painted in the parking area before something tragic happens. When we meet a car going in the wrong direction - or what used to be in the wrong direction - no one wants to backup. If there are no longer any one-way sections, then paint arrows indicating that. That way people would know to be cautious and the rest of us would know to find another shopping mall. We don't have to take our lives in our hands to go to the supermarket or a pharmacy.

Sincerely,

Charlene C. Duline

Traffic Pattern at Waterside Mall

Wallace Babington

A letter to the editor in this issue of *The Southwester* expresses concern with the danger to pedestrians created by the current traffic flow at Waterside Mall. A call to the Mall management office provided the following information: The management is aware of the traffic flow problems that result in back-ups and confusion. Driving or walking through the parking areas is frustrating to drivers and perilous to pedestrians. A recent study of the traffic situation resulted in a plan for redesigning the parking pattern and traffic flow to eliminate these problems. The plan as submitted was not acceptable and is now being revised.

The final plan will seek to assure an improved traffic flow with such features as installation of directional arrows to guide drivers through the parking lots. For example, at the present time a left turn is not permitted after entering the Mall parking lot from M Street. However, this ruling is ignored for the most part. The redesigned plan will direct all incoming traffic from M Street to a right turn and then around the Metro access island.

Speaking of the Metro island: the pedestrian walkway that provides some measure of safety for walking from M Street to the Metro escalators is in need of repainting. Mall management has expressed a willingness to include this improvement in the current plan for the parking lots.

CACS/"Project Spirit" After School Program present A Gala Affair.

It will be on Friday, June 2, 1995 at 6:00pm. The evening will be at the Best Western-Skyline Inn at South Capital & I Sts S.W. Come for the fashion show, DJ, Refreshments & Special Events. Proceeds go towards Project Spirit's 1995 Summer Activities.

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Arena Stage

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY WELL SPENT

Wallace Babington

Love permeates the countryside and effects all the residents of a rural estate in mid-nineteenth century Russia. That's the setting and theme of Arena's current production, "A Month in the Country", Ivan Turgenev's mood play about love among the young, old, beautiful, unattractive, wealthy, poor, upper and lower classes. In other words, it's a play about everyone being in love with someone - and the complications and complexities that ensue. The play is sometimes called a comedy, sometimes a tragedy or a mixture of both. Arena's production comes closer to being a bitter sweet comedy of manners, wit and charm.

Natalya, a beautiful middle aged wife of the country squire, is in love with her son's handsome young tutor, Alexsey, who in turn is in love with Vera, Natalya's beautiful young ward, who returns that love, but is promised in matrimony to Arkardy, a boorish neighbor of some wealth. Natalya's resident lover, Michel, is cast from her side for the time being to make room for young Alexsey. That's only the beginning: the local doctor is in love with Lizav-

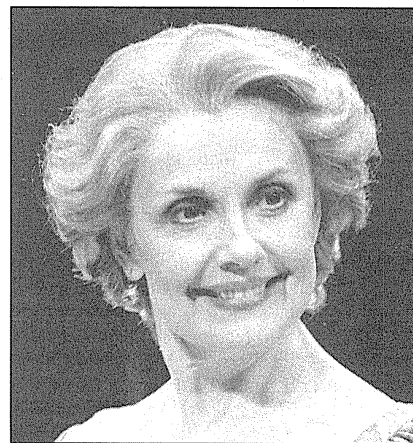
eta, the household maiden aunt and house servants are in love with each other and make out at frequent intervals. If all this sounds complicated, it isn't. The moods, relationships, give-and-take, humor, pathos all flow from one scene to the next with an ease and spontaneity that make the evening enjoyable, entertaining and at times moving.

There is a current production of "A Month in the Country" now running in New York. The New York Times review included words like "tedium, chilly and lethargic." Not so with Arena. And at least two factors make a big contribution to that difference: (1) Mary Beth Peil has the lead role of Natalya. And when she is on stage the play is alive, vibrant and compelling. She moves the play from light comedy (getting a laugh from one word, expression, sigh, sound) to pathos to near tragedy. At one point in the play Aleksey calls Natalya the epicenter. And he is absolutely right. Ms. Peil is indeed the epicenter of this production. It is a delight and pleasure to welcome her to Arena. Let's hope that she is back on this stage and other Washington locations in the future. (2) The text of the play is an adaptation by playwright Brian Friel of the original Turgenev text. The result is a modern and contemporary version that is appropriate and suitable to the time and setting of the play. It does not seem unduly modern or jarring. The words seem appropriate to the characters and the mood of the play is both retained and enhanced.

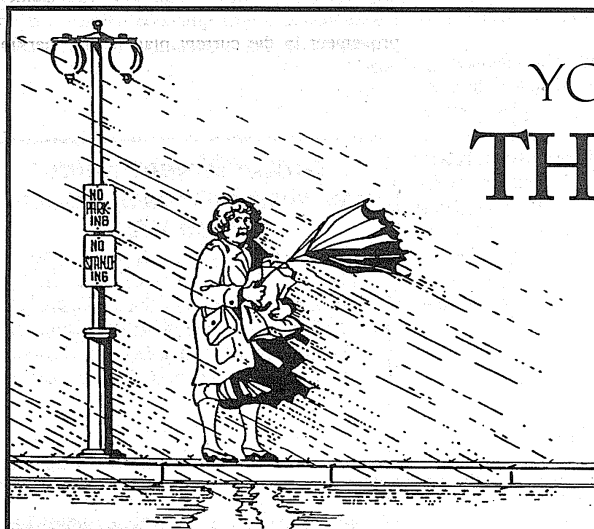
The New York Times review concludes with

the notation that this play "...isn't staged so often that you can afford to pass up even a seriously flawed production." How fortunate we are to be able to see this seldom performed play in a creative and polished production with a superb leading lady.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY adapted by Brian Friel from Turgenev. At Arena Stage in the Fichandler through June 4. Box office, 488-3300.

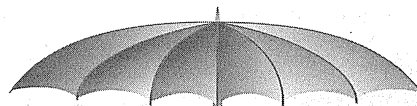


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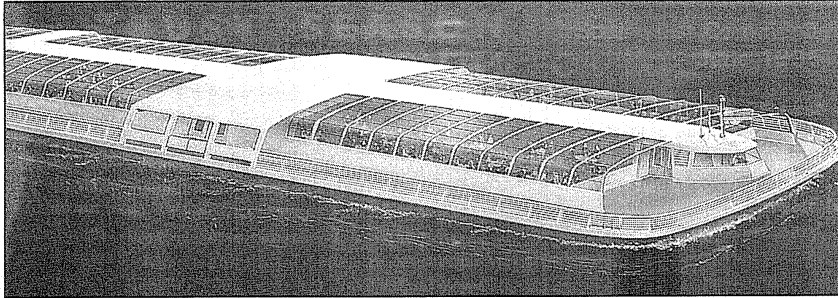
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The cruise is sponsored by the Randall Reunion Committee, Inc. and Ben's Fun-Bunch - Annie Robinson.

The cruise will feature free hor's d'oeuvres, a cash bar [please, no alcoholic beverages are bought aboard], and a Battle of the Oldies [Ricky Black (The Strooker) vs. Diamond Jim].

The cost of the cruise will be \$40.00 [bus transportation and cruise] or \$30.00 [cruise only]. The deadline for purchasing tickets is June 3rd. Buses leave the D.C. Armory at 9:30 p.m. and return at approximately 4:00 a.m. The ship will sail rain or shine - it is a closed in boat.

For information, contact Leon at 202-554-2194.

PASTA SAUCE COMPETITION TO BENEFIT TEEN AIDS PREVENTION EFFORTS

Washington, D.C. has one of the highest rates of adolescent HIV infection in the country. To raise money to fight AIDS, Metro Teen-AIDS (the only local organization dedicated to adolescent HIV/AIDS prevention) will hold a Pasta Sauce competition on Saturday, June 3rd at Herb's Restaurant near Dupont Circle.

Local chefs will choose the best pasta sauces to receive prizes such as a dinner or brunch at noted Washington restaurants. Tax-deductible tickets are available for competitors as well as for those who want to enjoy delicious food in a

delightful patio setting.

Metro TeenAIDS is a 501c(3) advocating for area teen and adolescent HIV/AIDS prevention, education, and treatment services. Metro Teen-AIDS promotes, coordinates, supports, and conducts education, prevention, and referral programs to reduce the rate of HIV infection in our youth and to serve the needs of those already infected.

SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

School Without Walls on the Walls is an exhibit of student artwork at the Charles Sumner School at 1201-17th Street, N.W., a magnet school of the District of Columbia. Today, more and more educational research supports the use of arts programming to facilitate higher level thinking skills. A focus of School Without Walls' curriculum is the integration of the arts - dance, music, theater, and the visual arts into the humanities and academic programs.

At the School Without Walls the 250 students are encouraged to take advantage of learning experiences in the community as well. Over the years, many Southwest students have attended this school. Among the many special programs sponsored by SWW are internships with businesses, government, and organizations in the District.

APRIL 24 MEETING OF SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

The monthly community meeting, held April 24 at the Southwest Branch Library, heard a presentation from Marlene Johnson about the Odyssey dinner boat proposal to operate from Gangplank Marina. Citizens voiced concerns about lack of parking, traffic congestion, more buses, pollution, noise, crime, and possible gambling. Neighbors also wanted to make sure that Southwest residents get jobs and business opportunities and that the Odyssey owners contribute to community services.

The meeting also covered the May 22 meeting on the cutback in Metrobus service to Southwest residents and workers, the June 3 neighborhood clean-up, the June 10 job fair, and the problem of drug-dealing at Delaware Avenue and I Street.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION A SUCCESS

On April 23, 1995, the congregations of Temple Micah and St. Augustine's hosted a birthday party commemorating Shakespeare's birthday. There was an enthusiastic response from the community. Participation from several schools added to the festivities. Charlotte Brooks was the mistress of ceremonies.

Watkins Elementary School performed a selection from Midsummer Night's Dream by the "Shakespeare Squires;" Hine Jr. High School performed a selection from "Romeo and Juliet", and Jefferson Junior High School sang Shakespearian sonnets. Also participating was Joyce Bouvier and Bruce Crane (singing and playing the recorder), The Nicolo Whimsey Show with juggling and rope tricks, and a sword demonstration from the Hampden's Regiment of Foote.

More than 150 people enjoyed refreshments, including a birthday cake and traditional Elizabethan foods.

PEPCO Join D.C. Government in Agreement to Launch Anacostia River Initiatives

Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) today joined with the District of Columbia government as the first company to officially make a long-term commitment to enhance the environment of the Anacostia River. PEPCO President John M. Derrick, Jr., D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, Jr. and Ferial S. Bishop, administrator of the D.C. Environmental Regulation Administration of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch PEPCO's five-part Anacostia River Initiatives at an Earth Day ceremony at PEPCO's Benning Generating Station.

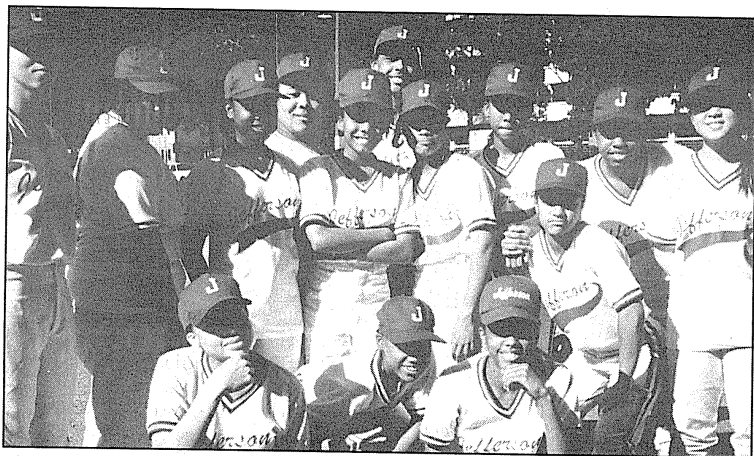
In the agreement, PEPCO commits to a five-part program to explore the opportunities to:

1. construct wetlands adjacent to its power plant property on Benning Road;
2. restore the Anacostia fishery by assisting the District in establishing an aquaculture center to produce local fish species;
3. help in area shore clean-up efforts and provide households from the local Benning Road community with PEPCO resources to dispose of hazardous household chemicals through periodic "drop off" days;
4. plant trees, where possible, at the company's Benning Road plant and where agreeable, to adjacent properties; and
5. assist neighborhood schools with environmental education on the fishery, the wetlands and the River's problems to provide for increased public awareness of the need to protect the river.

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SOFTBALL TEAM AT JEFF ON WINNING STREAK

Members of Jefferson Jr. High's softball team are:

(L to R) Kneeling in front: C. Berry, S. Epps, K. Andersson
Standing (L to R): C. Young, T. Hamilton, A. Terry, E. Clark, O. Johnson, S. Vanzeg, V. Price, F. Bailey, S. Riley, L. Oliver, L. Hang. Not shown are manager C. Scott, and Coach E. Giles.

JEFF TENNIS 4-0

In their first four meets of the season, the Jefferson Jr. High tennis team won 4 victories to no defeats.

YOUTH TASK FORCE RAISES \$3,000 AT FOXTRAPPE RECEPTION

The annual reception of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force, this year held at the Foxtrappe Club at 700 Water St. SW, raised over \$3,000.

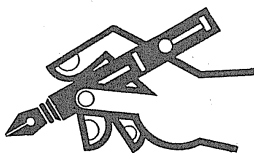
Notable for the active participation by young people of Southwest, the affair included a large number of door prizes, a dramatic reading by Greg Bargeman, and background jazz piped throughout the club.

Among the youth were Jefferson Jr. student Jamal Jones as Master of Ceremonies; D'Aunte Toney and Harry Keels assisting with decorations; and young adults who had been helped by YTF programs in their youth - Lisa Matthews and Lynette Taylor, in charge of decorations; and Wyatt Green and Lawrence Putney Brown.

Also in attendance were job supervisors for many YTF Congressional interns over the years - Louise Winston, Roland Randolph and Julius

ASSISTANCE FROM BUSINESSES

Southwest businesses giving financial and product assistance were Jenny and Henry Liu of Jenny's Chinese Restaurant, the Waterside Food and Convenience Store, Harry's Wine and Cheese, Hal Cantor of Cap Liquors, Creole Orleans 1874 Restaurant, and Foxtrappe Club.



The Washington Post is planning to write an article regarding trash pick-up. They need your input. If you know of problems related to trash collection by D.C. Department of Public Works employees or the agency? Or do you know of instances in which they have served taxpayers well? Call *Post Haste* at 334-9000, dial #5300 and leave a message.

Second Annual 5K Startrek Race/Walk

by Barbara Ehrlich

On Sunday, June 25, thousands of racers will crowd into Southwest for this second consecutive event. There will be a running race and a walk, each 5 kilometers, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. A street festival is scheduled to follow along the waterfront between 7th and 9th streets. The Southwest Scholarship Committee plans to have a booth. Washington Waterfront Association is cooperating with Channel 20, WDCA to sponsor this fun-filled day.

The race/walk begins in front of Channel Inn and ends at Hogates Restaurant. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the two events. Waterfront businesses will be selling food and nonalcoholic beverages on the street.

The arts/crafts show, which is being organized by A.Salon, Inc., will feature many returnees from the very successful Cherry Blossom Art Show which was held in March. Activities for children will include amusements, visits with TV characters, face painting, and arts and crafts. Entertainment will be provided by the Creole Orleans Jazz, Phillips Ragtime, and Spirit Cruises bands. DC 101 radio will provide music and giveaways in between.

A portion of the proceeds from all events will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Summer Youth Academy, which is organized by the Metropolitan Police Department's First District Community Services.

Information about the race/walk can be found at all waterfront restaurants. Randy Goldman (488-8515) of Phillips Restaurant is the coordinator of the day's events.

Earn While You Learn

Does a free, previously owned computer and the expertise to use it sound good to you? The LINCT Program may be just the thing for you. Planning is now underway for a program which matches experienced computer users and used computers with people who want to learn. The idea is that once the "student" has learned how to use the computer, and done a certain amount of service (maybe taught someone else what he/she had just learned), the computer becomes theirs.

Technology changes so quickly that a computer becomes "old" very soon. When this happens businesses can donate their computers and software to a non-profit organization and get a tax deduction. Linct is a non-profit & welcomes these kind of computers - just as long as they aren't too old & are in good shape. Another thing on LINCT's Wish List is a pro bono lawyer.

Once underway, the SW D.C. LINCT most likely will be situated at the SW Community House. The next meeting which will be open to all who want to take part in this program will be on Monday, June 19 at the SW Branch Library.

For further information, call 484-6096.

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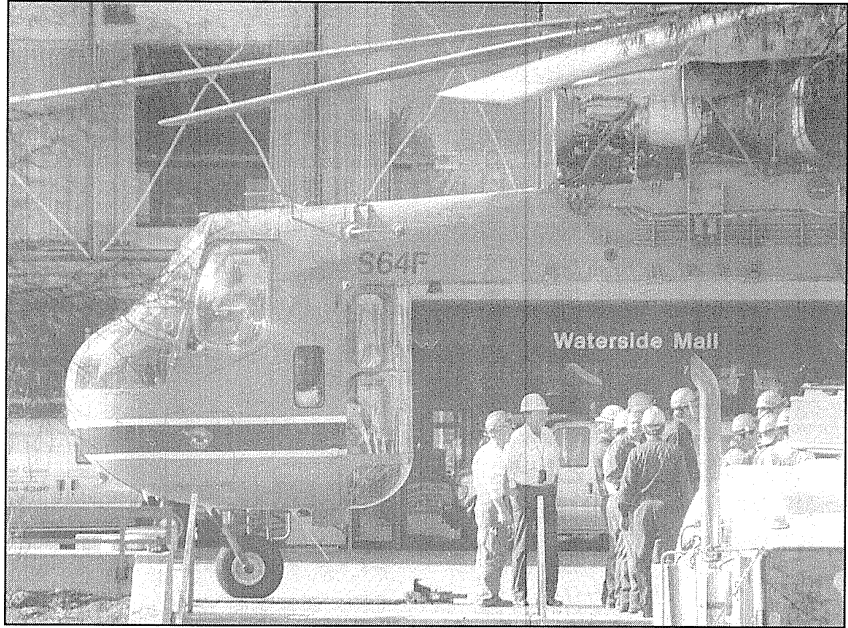
Was it a bird? Was it a plane? Was it superman? No, that strange thing which was flying overhead on Saturday April 22 was a helicopter/crane.

Waterside Management Company, Inc. replaced the main air conditioning units for both the East and West Towers.

EPA employees received a memo regarding this activity. They were alerted as to what would happen. EPA employee and amateur photographer, Cherryle Hooks was there at 6:30 am on that Saturday snapping away. She called and asked if *the Southwester* would like some photos of this event and the rest is history



By Cherryle Hooks



By Cherryle Hooks

Ward 2 Job Fair

With more than 70 companies participating, Councilmember Evans' Second Annual Ward 2 Job Fair promises to offer many job opportunities for Southwest residents on Saturday, June 10 at Jefferson Jr. High School.

Participating companies include IBM, PEP-CO, Xerox, Hechingers, Metro (WMATA), DC Convention & Visitors Association, Constant Care Nursing Services, Riggs National Bank and CVS Pharmacy (call Councilmember Evans office, 724-8058, for a complete list).

Evans anticipates this year's Job Fair will be even more successful than his first Job Fair, held last June at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ward 2's Shaw neighborhood. Last year, many job seekers captured jobs with companies they may have not approached on their own.

"Several applicants believed companies like IBM were not hiring and therefore would not submit their resumes to them," Evans said. "However, at the Job Fair they learned about job opportunities that were not listed in the Washington Post and other employment agencies. They found new positions to apply for and they discovered new job-seeking skills."

Evans and his staff are encouraging all applicants to bring a resume to the Job Fair. The companies in the Washington Metropolitan area have shown their support for stimulating the economy and Evans is hoping the Southwest residents will do the same.

Evans and staff are still in need of volunteers to help facilitate the job fair, including the setting-up of the Job Fair and assisting applicants as they enter Jefferson Jr. High School.



Jack Evans first Ward Two Job Fair (held in June at Shiloh Baptist Church) led to the placement of several Ward Two residents in jobs, including Tracy Brown and Melissa Musgrove at Riggs National Bank. Also pictured are Evans staffmember June Hirsh (far left) and Riggs National Bank representative Janice Marcus (far right).

"The fair will be a great opportunity for young men or women to gain employment and become responsible citizens," Evans said. "It is also the opportunity for someone who has been laid off to re-enter the work force and continue providing for their families."

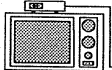
"This could also be a chance for someone who is unhappy with his career choice and wants to start a different path to do so. However, none of these possibilities will come to light if the community does not volunteer to help."

The Job Fair will also include a Health fair sponsored by the United Planning Organization and Neighborhood Development Center #1. There will also be "HOW TO" workshops on preparing a resume, do's and don'ts of an interview, using the employment section of the newspaper, entering or reentering the job market at 50 or older.

For further information about the Job Fair or to offer your volunteer services, call Vicki Parker at Councilmember Evans' office, (202) 724-8058.

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